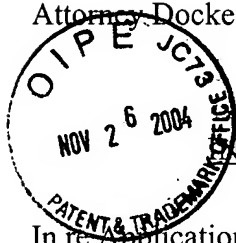


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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Applicants respectfully request the Examiner consider allowance of the claims in view of the following amendments to the Claims and comments as set forth below. Please amend the Application as indicated.

Please insert paragraph [0001] on page 2 of this Preliminary Amendment prior to the BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION.

GOVERNMENT INTEREST

**[0001]** This invention was made with Government support under Contract Number F33657-91-C-0006 awarded by The Department of the Air Force. The Government has certain rights in this invention.

**CONCLUSION**

It is believed no additional fees are due with this submission, however, should any fees be determined to be due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees or credit any overpayments to Koestner Bertani LLP Deposit Account No. 50-2240.

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